

Appl. No. 09/884,675
Amdt. dated February 14, 2005
Reply to Office action of December 28, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Receipt of the final Office action dated December 28, 2004 is hereby acknowledged. In that action the Examiner: 1) allowed claims 11, 12, 19, 22, 24, 27-28, 32 and 35-37; and 2) rejected the remaining claims as either anticipated by Adler (U.S. Patent No. 5,634,023) or obvious over Adler in view of other references.

With this Response, Applicants propose amendments to claims 2-3 and 13-15, and cancel claims 1, 18, 20-21, 23 and 25. Thus, the pending claims are 2-17, 19, 22, 24, 27-28, 32 and 35-37. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. CLAIM CANCELLATIONS

With this Response, Applicants cancel claims 1, 18, 20-21, 23 and 25. This cancellation is without prejudice to later asserting this claims, such as in a continuation application.

II. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

With this Response, Applicants propose amendments to claims 2-3 and 13-15 to have each of these claims depend from allowed claim 11. Thus, claims 2-10 and 13-17 depend (directly or indirectly) from allowed claim 11, and thus all the claims should be in a condition for allowance. No new matter is presented in these amendments.

III. EXAMINER INTERVIEW

The Applicants, by and through the undersigned attorney, held a telephonic interview with Examiner Harkness on February 2, 2005. In that interview the status of the case as being under final rejection was discussed, and the possibility of changing dependency of claims 2-10 and 13-17 from claim 1 to claim 11 was discussed. No specific prior art was discussed. No agreements were reached.

IV. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would

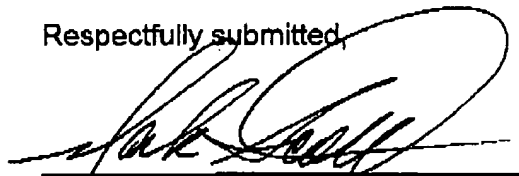
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expedite the resolution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

In the course of the foregoing discussions, Applicants may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be considered when determining the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the cited art which have yet to be raised, but which may be raised in the future.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,



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